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- 1. Persons staying at hotels in Shanghai are checked nightly by squads made up of a Shanghai policeman and two soldiers. Several squads may work in the same hotel at the same time. Each room in the hotel is visited to make sure that the person registered is in his room at curfew time, 11 p.m. If any other person is present during the check, he is required to register as a hotel guest. ... anen a guest has been absent and spent the night outside the notel, he is interrogated during the check on the following evening, and sometimes an investigation is made of where he stayed and whether he was registered there as a guest.
- 2. applications for travel permits are made to the Foothow koad Police Station of the Shanghai municipal recole's Government Public Security Bureau, Alien administration Office. The first step required, at the time of application, is the securing of at least one guarantor to take care of any debts left behind and to guarantee the applicant's future conduct. Travelers are given to understand that the guarantor is to be held responsible for any acts of the departing person which might affect the Chinese Communist regime in any way. The guarantor may be either Chinese or foreign and is usually a property holder or shop owner. That there is some confusion in the Chinese Communist control system is indicated by the fact that some guaranters left Shanghai on the same ship with the persons they had guaranteed.
- 3. The second step towards departure, after the application is accepted, is to publish in a Chinese- and an English-language newspaper an announcement that the person intends to leave for a foreign country. When this is done, the individual submits his application to the Foreign Affairs Section of his local police station and receives two chops, the first showing that he is clear on the police records and the second that he has surrendered his residence certificate. The next step is to present the permit to a bank and obtain a chop indicating that the traveler has permission to take US \$100 out of the country and a separate certificate, to the same effect, which is issued by the bank.
- 4. A departing traveler's papers, documents and photographs are inspected at

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the Foochow Road Folice Station and sealed in a container with an embossed seal. If the seal remains unbroken, the package can be taken past the dockside officials checking the departing vessel. These officials check the residence certificate release against one list, and the bank certificate of approval against another list, before the passenger is allowed to board the ship. Both the bank certificate and the exit visa are retained by the departing person

